(d) The quantity of spices imported, especially pepper and cardamom, during last three years is as follows:

Year	Import of total spices (Quantity in Tonnes)	Import of Pepper (Quantity in Tonnes)	Import of small cardamom (Quantity in Tonnes)
2002-03	121,366	15,392	323
2003-04	126,235	14,334	60
2004-05	99,100	17,725	352

Source: Spices Board

Industrial licensing policy

7. SHRI N.R. GOVINDARAJAR: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have recently reviewed the compulsory licensing policy;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of applications for industrial licensing received/cleared for compulsory licensing during the last three years and the current year, State-wise; and

(d) the steps taken by Government for quick clearance of applications for industrial licensing?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN): (a) and (b) Review of the Policy on Industrial Licensing is an ongoing process. The Government has, *vide* notification dated 23rd September, 2005, dispensed with the requirement of industrial licence in drugs and pharmaceuticals sectors.

(c) and (d) Since January 2002, upto October 2005, 529 applications for grant of Industrial Licence have been received. Out of which 425 applications have been disposed off. Statement showing State-wise position is annexed (*See* below). Applications for grant of Industrial Licence are considered by the Government on an ongoing basis, on the recommendations of the Licensing Committee in consultation with concerned Ministries and State Government, as the case may be.

Statement

Statewise position of industrial license applications received and disposed off during the period from January, 2002 upto October, 2005.

Name of the State	Applications received	Applications disposed off
Andhra Pradesh	79	58
Assam	3	3
Chhattisgarh	9	7
Dadra & N Haveli	10	10
Daman & Diu	5	4
Goa	2	2
Gujarat	34	30
Haryana	20	18
Himachal Pradesh	2	1
Jammu & Kashmir	2	1
Jharkhand	5	3
Karnataka	27	23
Kerala	11	10
Madhya Pradesh	9	6
Maharashtra	64	50
Meghalaya	2	2
Orissa	3	0
Punjab	58	52
Rajasthan	3	1
Tamil Nadu	119	97
Uttar Pradesh	20	16
Uttranchal	2	0
West Bengal	23	18
Location in more than one State	17	13
TOTAL :	529	425